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## Pair Charged With Murder of Cousins in Koreatown

A teen and a man are scheduled to be arraigned today on murder charges for the slayings of two cousins in Koreatown earlier this month, the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office announced.

Jonathan Roberto Orozco (3/2/99) and Roberto Menjivar (10/23/75) were each charged with two counts of murder with the special circumstance allegation of multiple murders. They are expected to appear today in Department 30 of the Foltz Criminal Justice Center.

Both defendants, who are suspected gang associates of Mara Salvatrucha, are accused of gunning down Eleazar Lico and his cousin, Aurelio Lico, on June 1.

David Ayvazian of the Hardcore Gang Division said the victims got into a fight with Menjivar following a dispute. Orozco then allegedly opened fire on Eleazar Lico, striking him.

The victims, who were with Eleazar Lico's two brothers, ran away but Aurelio Lico tripped and fell, the prosecutor said. Orozco caught up to Aurelio Lico and allegedly shot him in the head. The cousins died shortly thereafter.

Los Angeles police responded and arrested Menjivar. Orozco was arrested the following day.

Prosecutors will decide later whether to seek the death penalty against Menjivar. Because Orozco is under the age of 18, he faces a possible maximum sentence of life in prison.

Case BA437055 remains under investigation by the Los Angeles Police Department.

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Los Angeles County District Attorney Jackie Lacey leads the largest local prosecutorial office in the nation. Her staff of nearly 1,000 attorneys, 300 investigators and 800 support staff members is dedicated to seeking justice

for victims of crime and enhancing public safety. Last year, the [Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office](#) prosecuted more than 71,000 felony defendants and nearly 112,000 misdemeanor defendants.